



The President's Daily Brief

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LATE ITEM

South Vietnam

The Thieu-Ky rivalry for the presidency may have been resolved today. Ky has agreed [redacted]

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[redacted] to run as the vice presidential candidate on a ticket headed by Thieu.

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The agreement was finally hammered out and announced a few hours ago by the military members of the Directorate.

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[redacted]

Further portions of the agreement are as yet unclear. Both men are apparently to resign from the military service and campaign as civilians. They may also have to give up their government jobs in favor of a caretaker regime led by their associates in the military.

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DAILY BRIEF
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1. United Nations

Israel's unilateral moves in Jerusalem threaten to backfire in the UN. A number of uncommitted delegations are now veering toward the resolution submitted on Wednesday by the "nonaligned" states.

The Arabs and the Soviets have adopted the "nonaligned" resolution as their fallback position and are pressing for an early vote. A new resolution now being pushed by the Latin Americans, however, may yet become an alternative that could result in the defeat of the "non-aligned" resolution.

The "municipal fusion" of Jerusalem has deepened the division between the hawks and the doves in Israel. Defense Minister Dayan, leader of the hardliners, is contemptuous of the UN and determined to keep it from having an important influence on the settlement.

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2. Soviet Union

Kosygin is scheduled to leave Cuba for Paris this morning.

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press stories that this must have been a rather uncomfortable confrontation for the Soviet leader.

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3. Soviet Union

The Soviet Venus probe launched 18 days ago has a better chance of completing its mission than its unsuccessful predecessors.

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It is scheduled to reach the vicinity of Venus in mid-October, probably for a fly-by mission.

4. Aden

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5. Poland

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6. Panama

Robles' opponents have already opened up their campaign against the Canal treaties. As expected, Arnulfo Arias is leading the charge, accusing Robles of selling the country's sovereignty. Robles is in for a long summer; his biggest job will be to keep the rabblers from getting the upper hand. He seems to be off to a good start.

The Panamanian press, meanwhile, is beginning to talk about US Congressional opposition to the treaties.

7. Bolivia

President Barrientos is in trouble. His forces have not yet been able to re-establish control over the tin miners who rebelled last week. The guerrilla problem drags on indecisively. Opposition parties are beginning to exploit the government's weakness; student and worker agitators may soon get in on the act. If these trends continue much longer, the military may be tempted to throw Barrientos out.

8. Burma

Rangoon was quiet yesterday after several days of bloody anti-Chinese violence. In Peking, meanwhile, the standard Red Guard demonstrations have begun around the Burmese Embassy and straw figures of General Ne Win were set afire on the embassy gates.

If the Peking demonstrations do not set off a new round of rioting in Rangoon, tempers may gradually simmer down. It will be a long time, however, before the scars are healed.

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